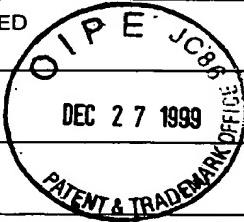
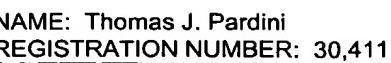


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, sec 37 C.F.R.1.5)
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP98/02500		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED November 7, 1997
TITLE OF INVENTION AQUEOUS SUSPENDED AGRICULTURAL CHEMICAL COMPOSTION		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Katsushi SHIO, Shoji SUZUKI and Naoki MATSUMOTO		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. <input type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1). 4. <input type="checkbox"/> A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date. 5. <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US) 6. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. 8. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 10. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)). 		
Items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included:		
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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS

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Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) (copy attached) mailed on March 10, 2000, the executed Declaration of the inventors was filed on December 27, 1999. A copy of the executed Declaration as filed, a copy of the Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371, and a copy of the stamped postcard receipt are attached hereto. The surcharge for providing the oath or declaration is not believed to be due because the Declaration was submitted before 20 or 30 months from the priority date.

Entry of these documents on December 27, 1999 should have completed all of the filing formalities. Accordingly, prompt issuance of a Notification of Acceptance and Filing Receipt, and prompt examination and allowance of this application are respectfully solicited.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this paper are attached.

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